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1. THIS MISSION HAS MADE CLEAR THE US DESIRE FOR COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AT SPOKANE IN A RECENT PERSONAL LETTER FROM THE AMBASSADOR TO SCARACIA- MUGNOZZA, THE RESPONSIBLE EC COMMISSIONER, AND BY NUMEROUS CONTACTS WITH SCARASCIA' S CHEF DE CABINET AND WORKING LEVEL COMMISSION PERSONNEL. THEY ALL APPEAR WELL DISPOSED TO THE CONCEPT OF PARTICIPATION.

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2. SIMON, THE RESPONSIBLE COMMISSION OFFICIAL, HAS CONFIRMED TO US THE ACCOUNT PROVIDED BY THE UK PARTICIPANT IN THE WORKING GROUP (REF B). HE DESCRIBES THE FRENCH AS BEING QUOTE NOT ENTIRELY NEGATIVE UNQUOTE IN ADVOCATING A COMMUNITY PAVILLION GROUPING NATIONAL EXHIBITS. HOWEVER, THE OTHER EIGHT MEMBERS ENVISAGE NO NATIONAL PARTICIPATION. THEY ARE DECIDEDLY IN FAVOR OF A SINGLE INTEGRATED COMMUNITY EXHIBITION. SIMON CONFIRMED INFORMATION FROM OUR UK SOURCE (REF B) INDICATING THAT THE QUESTION COULD COME BEFORE THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES NEXT WEEK, PERHAPS ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 16. WE KNOW OF NO MEETING ON THIS QUESTION ON FRIDAY, MAY 11.

3. THIS ISSUE GOES DEEPER THAN SPOKANE AS IT ILLUSTRATES ONCE AGAIN THE FRENCH WILLINGNESS TO BLOCK EVEN MINOR PROPOSALS WHICH ARE FAVORED BY ALL OF THE OTHER MEMBER STATES. WE AGREE WITH THE DEPARTMENT' S VIEW (REF A) THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO AVOID THE APPEARANCE OF INTERVENING DIRECTLY IN WHAT IS UNDENIABLY AN EXASPERATING FAMILY SQUABBLE. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL IN THE COURSE OF NORMAL CONTACTS TO RE- EMPHASIZE TO RESPONSIBLE MEMBER STATE OFFICIALS THE IMPORTANCE THAT WE ATTACH TO A EUROPEAN COMMUNITY EXHIBIT BY WHATEVER FORMULA FOR PARTICIPATION THEY CAN DEVISE, STRESSING THE NECESSITY OF SOME DECISION SOON IF ANY PARTICIPATION IS TO BE POSSIBLE. GREENWALD

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